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live in the affected area, who have constituents and children in the affected area, can address and can address the interest of Senator Janssen, on his bill, can address the issues that Senator Wehrbein raised in terms of the General Fund appropriations and move forward without a lot of opposition to what's being attempted to do here. Senator Schrock is certainly working on the issue. Senator Beutler is working on drafting the amendment. I think that we can come together, but it requires a little bit of time for Bill Drafters to put it together, to get it back down. And as they're doing that and as we have come to, at least those of us who have an interest, direct interest, in this come together on the amendment, we have at this point at least,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...some agreement and hopefully we can deal with this aspect. And this is only one aspect. The lead-based paint program is only one aspect of the lead contamination that remains in the area. And at this point we do have a state contractor registration program. That was put in place by this Legislature in conjunction with the federal program and that federal program I am confident will be refunded. It's just in the reauthorization there currently aren't funds and some of that work would be not eliminated but would simply be put on hold for a short amount of time. This funding, if we come up with this \$300,000, would help in that stopgap program. It's not going to address nearly the needs that are in the area. The superfund will address much more of that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Mr. Clerk, items on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 68, by Senator Erdman. That will be laid over. Amendments to be printed: Senator Smith to LB 743; Senator Bromm, LB 249; Senator Brashear, LB 46 and LB 267; Senator Beutler to LB 332. Senator